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> Ms. Lisa Wilson MBIA Insurance Corp. 113 King Street Armonk, NY 10504 May 6, 2003

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Re:

City and County of Honolulu

\$218,400,000

Wastewater System Revenue Bonds (Second Bond Resolution) Junior Series 2003A-1 and 2003A-2 and Junior Series 2003B-1 and 2003B-2 (Auction Rate Certificates)

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